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PINE FORESTS AND RESIN.

The old system of boxing southern pine trees for the production of turpentine and resin has very greatly reduced the pine timber wealth of the southern states. Three years ago the bureau of forestry determined that something should be done to eliminate so destructive a method of procuring naval stores. Its three years of experiments towards this end have demonstrated that a new system of turpentine, which requires the use of earthen cups and metal gutters, not only greatly conserves the life of the timber tapped, but also gives an increased yield of resin, and therefore a greater profit than is possible by boxing.

Through the public spirited and cordial cooperation of the Hillman-Sutherland Land company of Jacksonville, a stand of about 40,000 pine trees in Clay county, with other facilities, have, without cost to the government, been placed at the disposal of the bureau for experimental purposes.

The principal experiments now set on foot comprise the practical working of a number of different turpentine crops. One set of trees will be used to determine the best width of face to be cut on trees of different diameters.

Another set of trees will be used to demonstrate the rate in height at which weekly chippings should proceed in order to stimulate a full flow of resin. It is believed that the weekly chipping now practiced cuts away in height, at one time, too much of the living wood. At present this upward chipping amounts to about 18 inches every year, and it is thought that this can be reduced at least one-half or two-thirds. Such a saving in face height will permit a considerable increase in the number of crop years, which should give a much increased total yield of resin, as well as reduce the demand upon the area of pine forests. There will also be an economy for operators in not having to move their equipment from one set of trees to another as frequently as is the case at present.

Still another set of trees will be devoted to finding out how deep toward the center of the tree, each streak should be chipped. Under the present practice, it is believed that an unnecessarily deep cut is made, thereby greatly reducing the vitality of the tree and consequently its capacity to produce resin.

PAYMENT OF STATE PENSIONS.

We take pleasure in calling the attention of the readers of THE STAR this week to the following timely article on the subject of state pensions, which is taken from our esteemed contemporary, the Tallahassee Capital:

The legislature which is to convene on April 4th will early find itself confronted with the problem of providing for the payment of pensions to those ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows who have qualified under the laws of Florida as being entitled to receive pensions.

There are now about three thousand of such pensioners on the rolls and very nearly one thousand additional applications are on file awaiting action by the pension board. Each pensioner whose application is approved receives \$50 per annum, and to pay in full even those whose claims have been allowed will require an annual disbursement of about \$288,000.00.

Under the law, the revenue and the only revenue, from which pensions can be paid is derived from a two-mill tax levy upon all the taxable property in the state. This tax levy produces at present about \$220,000.00 yearly. It will be seen, therefore, that the receipts in the pension fund are approximately \$70,000.00 less than the disbursements which have to be made. A large sum of money had to be borrowed to make the last quarterly payment to pensioners with the expectation that the legislature will make a deficiency appropriation to cover the amount borrowed.

A similar situation will have to be faced at the close of the current quarter and as the legislature will be here about that time it will be incumbent upon that body to relieve the situation. What the legislature in its wisdom will do in this connection is, of course, unknown and entirely problematical, but that it must either amend the present law or increase the tax for pensions seems clear.

There are no two opinions about the

principle that the state of Florida must and will make every provision consistent with true Democratic government for the relief and assistance of needy and deserving ex-Confederates. Those old veterans were men of valorous deeds and in the need of their old age it is the earnest desire of the people of Florida to show every possible appreciation by providing for the support of the destitute and incapacitated.

There is pretty good reason to believe that there are persons now drawing pensions from the state who, in the spirit and interest, if not the letter, of the law, are not entitled to pensions, but it might be very difficult to prove this. When pension applications duly approved by the proper board of county commissioners and conforming to every other legal requisite are presented to the pension board the latter has no authority to seek extraneous evidence of irregularities or fraud. It is most unpleasant to speak of fraud in this connection, but surely its in the interest of worthy veterans that if there are undeserving names on the pension roll, they should be stricken, and the roll preserved in verity as a roll of honor.

As to the remedy of an increased tax levy for payment of pensions it should be considered that in addition to the three thousand persons now drawing pensions and the thousand now having applications on file, each week brings in a considerable number of new applications. There's no telling where or when the demands will cease, but at the rate which has obtained during the last few years it is possible that the number of applications in due form under existing law may swell the pension roll to nearly, if not quite five thousand names. To pay such a number would require a tax levy of at least four mills on the dollar, which is equal to the present state tax levy for all purposes whatsoever.

To this matter the member-elect of the legislature may well devote their best and most earnest thought. It presents a delicate and important situation which they've got to meet, and meet soon. That they may find a happy and just solution will be the wish of all Floridians.

By way of a fling the Boston Herald says, "Go to Indiana and write a historical novel." The advice is aimed at some individual not definitely placed, but who is assumed to be a man of vivid imagination. The Commercial Tribune of Cincinnati takes the Herald seriously and rebukes what it calls "spiteful anger." It also offers advice and says that if Boston will be patient the seat of literature, traversing the continent with the rest of things that go west and grow up with the country, will in time have circled the globe and dropped back in Boston again.

The name of Sidney Jacob, the American poet, who died almost as suddenly as the English Kean, was unknown until it first appeared in Lippincott's magazine. It is, therefore, fitting that some charming and informing letters, which have never yet seen the light, should be published first in the same periodical for March. They are called "with a few exceptions" by Milton Harlow Northrop.

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"When a pestilence overtakes our people we take precaution as a nation to preserve the citizens against the dread disease.

"The grippe has entered thousands of our homes this fall, and I noticed that the people who used Peruna were quickly restored, while those who depended on doctor's prescriptions, spent weeks in recovering, leaving them weak and emaciated.

"I had a slight attack of la grippe and it once took Peruna, which drove the

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"I should like to see our Board of Health give it official recognition and have it used generally among our poor sick people in Greater New York."

Joseph A. Flinn.
D. L. Wallace, a charter member of the International Harter's Union, writes from 15 Western avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.:

"Following a severe attack of la grippe I seemed to be affected badly and over. I suffered with a severe headache, indigestion and numerous ills, so I could neither eat nor sleep, and I thought I would give up my work, which I could not afford to do.

"Some of my customers who were greatly helped by Peruna advised me to try it, and I procured a bottle the same day. I used it faithfully and felt a marked improvement. During the next two months I took five bottles, and then felt splendid. Now my head is clear, my nerves steady, I enjoy food, and rest well. Peruna has been worth a dollar a dose to me."

D. L. Wallace.
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in its effects in my case after repeated trials.

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O. H. Perry.
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House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.
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JOHN HENRY, Special Master in Chancery, Titusville, Fla., Feb. 2nd, 1905.

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